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From: Tom A Cordaro [tomcordaro@juno.com]  
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2001 10:53 AM  
To: Y12EIS  
Subject: Oak Ridge National Security Complex

To whom ever it may concern,

I have recently learned of the Department of Energy plans to eventually build a new \$4 billion bomb plant as part of the new National Security Complex at Oak Ridge Tennessee. This decision makes a mockery of the stated goal of U.S. foreign policy is to stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. How can we expect the world to take us seriously when we are pouring billions of dollars into new nuclear weapons facilities and developing more "usable" nuclear weapons. It is becoming clear to the rest of the world that all the talk from the U.S. regarding non-proliferation is nothing but a cover to extend and enhance its own nuclear superiority.

The decision to develop a new National Security Complex as Oak Ridge constitutes a grave and serious threat to world peace and is an immoral waste of national resources that could be better used to serve the real security needs of our people -- affordable housing, healthcare and education.

I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,  
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Parties to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty agree not to directly or indirectly transfer nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over them to any recipient; and not to in any way assist, encourage, or induce nonnuclear weapon states to manufacture or alter use, or acquire nuclear weapons, or alter nuclear explosive devices or control over them. Continuation of the Y-12 mission, and construction and operation of a HEU Materials Facility or Special Materials Complex by the United States does not conflict with such an agreement. The proposed action, which includes continuing weapons dismantlement activities at Y-12, fully supports the goals of Article VI of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, in which signatory nations agree to work toward total disarmament. Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has significantly reduced the size of the nuclear weapons stockpile, and DOE has dismantled more than 15,000 nuclear weapons. At the present time, the United States is further downsizing the nuclear weapons stockpile consistent with the terms of the START I and the recently ratified START II. Although Russia suspended its nuclear weapons dismantlement activities on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement activities. DOE is responsible for meeting the current requirements set forth by the President and Congress. The need for nuclear weapons and alternative uses of the Nation's funds are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.